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DEPT FOR MRS. JOAN BRADEN, CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISER
DEPT PLEASE PASSTO DEPT OF COMMERCE

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JAPAN CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICIAL

1. MS. MICHIKO AOYAMA, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR NATIONAL LIVING INFORMATION CENTER (A GOJ CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY WITHIN ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY), VISITED EMBASSY ON JULY 29 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH VARIOUS CONSUMER AFFAIRS ORGANIZATIONS IN US. MS. AOYAMA TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHERS. WE HAVE REQUESTED NAMES, TITLES AND WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED. MS. AOYAMA DOES NOT WISH TO EXPAND OR ALTER ITINERARY SHOWN BELOW. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SUGGESTED SMALL BRIEFING IN DEPT'S CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICE. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED ITINERARY.

2. AUGUST 21 DEPART TOKYO, AUGUST 22 ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC. AUGUST 23-27 VISIT CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC). MS. AOYAMA REQUESTS CPSC BRIEFINGS COVERING FOLLOWING TOPICS: GENERAL ORIENTATION, COMPUTER SYSTEM, COLLECTION/ACCUMULATION SYSTEM AND DATA SHEET, TRADING ANALYSIS SYSTEM, OBSTACLE INDICES, CONSUMER EDUCATION INFORMATION PROGRAM, PUBLICITY SYSTEM, EVALUATION OF CPSC PROGRAM. AUGUST 30 VISIT DHEW, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS). AUGUST 31, DEPART WASHINGTON, ARRIVE NEW YORK. VISIT CONSUMER INFORMATION SERVICE CENTER. SEPTEMBER 1, VISIT CPSC FIELD
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OFFICE'S NATIONAL ELECTRONICS INJURY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

(NEISS) EMERGENCY HOSPITAL. SEPTEMBER 2, VISIT NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. SEPTEMBER 3, DEPART NEW YORK, ARRIVE BOSTON. VISIT CPSC FIELD OFFICE. SEPTEMBER 5, DEPART BOSTON, ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO. SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, VISIT CPSC FIELD OFFICE AND CPSC EMERGENCY HOSPITAL. SEPTEMBER 9, DEPART SAN FRANCISCO FOR TOKYO.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING ORGANIZATIONS LISTED PARA. 2 ABOVE AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR MS. AOYAMA AND OTHERS. MS. AOYAMA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER. SHE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND SOME ENGLISH BUT DOES NOT COVERSE IN IT.

4. RE CONSUMER INFORMATION SERVICE CENTER IN NEW YORK SLATED FOR AUGUST 31 VISIT, REQUEST ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MS. AOYAMA. EMBASSY UNABLE TO LOCATE IN AVAILABLE SOURCES BUT PRESUME IT MAY BE NEW YORK CITY/STATE OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

5. RE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC), MS. AOYAMA HAS TWO ADDRESSES FOR CPSC. SHE WISHES TO CHOOSE HOTEL CLOSE TO CPSC AND REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF ADDRESS. EMBASSY SOURCE SHOWS 1750 K STREET, NW, WASHINGTON DC. PLEASE CONFIRM OR PROVIDE CORRECT ADDRESS.

6. PLEASE SLUG REPLY CABLE FOR E/C SECTION, ATTN MR.HUFF. SHOESMITH

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